GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF CABLES IN KERALA
A.K. PREMAJAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of cables new connections are not being issued by the BSNL especially in the newly commissioned Telephone Exchanges in Kerala;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a requirement of 29.686 LCKM of cables for Kerala Telecom Circle for the year 2002-03. Purchase orders were placed for 15.08 LCKM only because complete tendered quantity of cables was not accepted by the bidder

(c)
(i) An order of 4.6 LCKM PIJF Cables has been placed on M/s HCL on 17.11.2003 for supply to Kerala Telecom Circle.

(ii) The tender for the year 2003-04 for procurement of 120 LCKM has already been opened on 3.9.2003. Three vendors have filed a writ petition in Delhi High Court. The Hon`ble Delhi High Court have issued certain directions to BSNL. Accordingly, the tender is being evaluated. Orders for procurement of cables could be placed after finalization of the tender.